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Our residence, post office addresses, and citizenship's are as stated below next to our names; and that

We verily believe that we are the original and first joint inventors of the invention entitled: OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM REPRODUCING SYSTEM, METHOD OF REPRODUCING OPTICAL DISK, METHOD OF FABRICATING OPTICAL DISK ORIGINAL RECORD, AND METHOD OF STOPPING ILLEGAL PROGRAM OPERATION, described and claimed in the Reissue application filed September 15, 2000, that we understand the content of the specification filed therein, that we have reviewed and understand the content of the specification including the claims, as well as the claims referred to in this Declaration, that we do

not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof or more than one year prior to that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to , that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before, in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to , that We acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which We are aware which is material to the examination of this application, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to the original application Serial No. 507,495 by us or our legal representatives or assigns, except as follows: Patent Application filed in on , priority of which is claimed.

Our original U.S. Patent 5,807,640, issued September 15, 1998, which matured from Serial No. 507,495, is believed to be wholly or partly inoperative by reason of the patentees claiming less than they had a right to claim through error and without any deceptive intention.

When comparing the scope of the protection covered by the claims of the U.S. patent 5,807,640 with the technique actually used in the products that are being made, used and/or sold in accordance with the claims, although the basic idea is common, the actual detecting circuit may not be fully covered by the present claims since the claims do not positively define the shifting of an edge of selected pits in the circumferential direction. Since, in an actual optical disk, the edge of selected pits are shifted circumferentially, it is intended add claims delineating that the edge of selected pits are shifted circumferentially to positively cover products that are actually being made, used and/or sold.

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